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1. Prior to July 1948, the headquarters and two regiments of the MVD division in Moscow-Bogorodskoye were located in a barracks installation which consisted of several multi-story brick buildings, garages, work shops, and supply bunkers and was surrounded by a board fence, 2.5 meters high. A general was the division commander and a colonel his deputy. The Lenin MVD Regt, a guard regiment, and an NCO school were subordinate to the division. About 60 to 70 trucks and about 30 passenger cars stood in the garages. \*
2. In March 1947, the Lenin MVD Regt moved into a section of the barracks installation. According to soldiers of the unit, the regiment had previously been stationed in the Stettin area. The regiment consisted of three battalions with a total of 1,200 to 1,500 men and was employed only in : parades, honor guard duty, etc. The principal subjects of training included drill, saluting, parade drill with the regimental band playing, and physical training. Officers and ENI of the regiment were extraordinarily tall men of good appearance. The regiment was armed with only rifles and was equipped with an undetermined number of motor vehicles. \*\*
3. The guard regiment, commanded by a colonel, was quartered in the same barracks installation. According to Soviet drivers, the regiment guarded PWs and Soviet convicts and escorted shipments of convicts. The personnel of the regiment were substantially below the standard of those of the Lenin MVD Regt. With personnel of the unit always assigned to duty outside the billeting area, the strength of the regiment could not be determined. The regiment was armed with rifles, submachine guns, and light machine guns. \*\*\*
4. Eight to twelve-week instruction courses with about 120 NCOs participating each time were conducted in the NCO school. The trainees wore epaulets with yellow braid stripes of different widths. The training included theoretical instruction, close combat, and field training. According to trainees, the division commander often witnessed the training.

\* [REDACTED] Comment. Another PW confirmed the MVD division in Moscow-Bogorodskoye prior to November 1949. [REDACTED] The division possibly is the 1st Lenin-Redbanner-Dzerzhinski Mtz Rifle Div, an MVD unit, which was mentioned by the Soviet press as having participated in the 1947 First-of-May Parade in Moscow.

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WFO [ ] Comment. Another PW identified the regiment as the 236th MVD Regt.

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